Chikungunya Diseases

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chikungunya disease, transmitted by mosquitoes, is sweeping through various States and people in thousands have been affected by the menace;

(b) whether this disease has also affected the people of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the action plan of the Centre to help the States to control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) It is a fact that the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have reported suspected Chikungunya cases during 2006.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The Government of India have issued guidelines to all the affected States for the prevention and control of Chikungunya to ensure the following actions:

(i) Source reduction by elimination of all potential vector breeding places near domestic and peridomestic areas.

(ii) Emptying and drying of water containers once a week.

(iii) Straining of the stored water by clean cloth once a week to remove the mosquito larvae.

(iv) Use of Temephos weekly at a dose of 1 ppm.

(v) Use of larvivorous fish.

(vi) Indoor space spray with Pyrethrum Extract.

(vii) Symptomatic treatment (non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory/ analgesic)